

## **Information about the The Jemima Layzell Trust creative writing competition.**

The writing competition is part of our Action and Awareness campaign, which aims to highlight organ donation. Jemima talked about her wishes to us if ever anything happened to her, which is how we knew that she'd want to donate. She saved 8 lives and restored the sight of 3.

Our 2018 theme, 'New Beginnings' encourages people to focus on the possibilities that open up to those who have recently received a transplant.

The Jemima Layzell Trust would like to highlight the work of:  
Winter World Transplant Games <http://wtgf.org/wintergames/>  
TACKERS (Transplanted Adventure Camps for Children).  
<http://www.tackers.org>

Entering our competition is free but if you would like to help us raise money to help send children to TACKERS please join our Wear a Flower campaign.  
<http://www.jemimalayzell.com/-wearaflower.html>

Please encourage children and adults to visit the organ donation registry to sign up.  
<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk>

### **The Trust measure success on:**

#### **1. Enjoyment of participating.**

The title 'New Beginnings' is just a starting point and can be about ANYTHING, not just organ donation. We hope writing becomes a joy and a valuable tool to help sustain all 6-18 year olds through challenging situations.

#### **2. Number of children entering the competition.**

Our aim is to increase the number of children that hear about our charity each year.

#### **3. Sign ups to the registry**

This isn't something we can follow up easily. But we hope that the conversation about organ donation is continued by the students and is something they feel they can discuss at home.

### **Submission**

Entry opens on June 1<sup>st</sup> and closes 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Group entries are best sent by post to: The Yellow House, Pound Rd, Horton, Ilminster, Somerset TA199QU. Individual entries by email:

[writingcompetition@icloud.com](mailto:writingcompetition@icloud.com)

If you would like more information about organ donation please visit:  
<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/about-donation/educational-resources/>

### **Prizes**

Six children are selected for our shortlist by our judging panel who are made up of ex-headmasters, teachers, literary festival organisers and book lovers. Those six will receive a £10 book token sponsored by Yeovil Community Arts Association. Their entries are sent to our Patron Michael Morpurgo who chooses the final two winners.

In the past, our winners have met Mr Morpurgo locally who signs a copy of the War Horse especially for them. In 2015, Ava and Willow attended his talk in Langport Library and in 2016 Pearl and Lottie met him at the Queens College Quartz Festival in Taunton. Lorelei and Evie hope to meet Mr Morpurgo next year as his public engagements have been cancelled due to ill health.

The winning work is published in the Lamp magazine and on our website.

<http://www.jemimalayzell.com/writing-competition.html>